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The war between Japan and Russia is practically at an end.

Sheep shearing has commenced with a good wool and lamb crop and a good price for both. Its the sheepman that is wearing the smile this year. The cowboy has got his thinking cap on trying to study out who is making the money, him or the packer. They both claim they are making nothing but it is hard for the consumer to agree with both of them.

Every day is a special day at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Important events take place daily. There is music by the best bands in the world, and it costs you nothing to hear the concerts. On the Trail you may hear music played by people of various nationalities, on the old instruments peculiar to each land.

We wish to call the attention of the people of Clayton to the sanitary condition of our town. The present place of dumping garbage is a menace to the health of our city and should be cleaned up and a place farther out selected for the depositing of all garbage, the drainage from the present place runs right back into the lake at our very doors and cannot help but work an injury to the town a visit to anywhere near the present garbage site will convince anyone of the need of a general cleaning up and burning of all refuse matter now unloading there.

The mining interests of Union county are not on a boom but are enjoying a good healthy growth by permanent development work. This is a great deal better for any mining community than to try to raise an excitement as soon as a claim is staked out and then have everything to die down until development shows whether there was anything to warrant the first cry of "I have found it!" It takes time and money to develop a mine and the course the company's, that are mining in Union county, are pursuing is to be commended, they are showing their faith by their works and the showings they have are very satisfactory to all concerned.

Wherever there is a good school men of families are attracted. The Enterprise has heard a number of farmers and stockmen say they were going to make Clayton their home another year on account of the school privileges this place affords, with our school improved as it is why would it not be a good idea for our school directors to make provision for a new school building. A good school attracts everybody. With the Kanton people moving in here on account of our liberal school facilities we have got ample warning of what to expect, and as Clayton is noted for her high order of schools it is no wonder that out side people want to take advantage of the educational advantages offered by the schools of this place, when ever you attempt to economize at the expense of the public school you are commencing a reform at the wrong end, only to be found out to your sorrow, put down everything else but add to your public school appropriation.

KARNIVAL

The celebration to be held at Clayton on the 17th will do justice to a town of 10000 inhabitants, the beautiful floats that will be in the parade will be on a scale never attempted by a place of this size before. In addition to the many different floats, Miss New Mexico will be represented by a beautiful float, the different business people will be represented by floats of different kinds. The grand street parade will be worth going many miles to see.

It has been decided to have all exercises at the fair ground, except the parade, which will take place in town and will form at the corner houses. The following prizes were offered by the different business houses. For the best decorated young lady in the parade 1st prize by Simon Bitterman a fine pair of ladies shoes, 2nd prize by J. W. McQueen a large bottle of Cologne. Best decorated vehicle, R. H. Dean, pair gloves either ladies or gentlemen's, Union Commercial Co. a hat. For the best decorated child in the parade the following houses offers prizes. Flossheim Blackwell Co., 1st prize, J. W. McQueen 3rd prize Union Commercial Co. 4th prize Carlton and Earnest 5th prize Judge Toombs, J. W. Evans, and Edward W. Fox, committee on rewards of prizes. \$1.50 entrance fee will be charged all persons entering horses for the races. Soft drink stand privileges to the highest bidder, all bids to be in by 25th of June. Hurl drinks the same; bids to be received at the office of Fawcett and Dean, by six o'clock p. m. on the 25th of June cash to accompany bids. O. T. Toombs orator of the day and J. Claudio Martinez interpreter, Lackey and Hill marshalls of the day.

A number of the residents of the northeast part of the county are objecting to having a saloon thrust on to them, and are wondering how any man can secure license to sell whiskey out side of a town or village under a law passed by the last legislature. This law was designed to stop the transient saloon and keep such away from camps of working men. If a man wants to drink whiskey let him lay off or quit and go to an established place of business where they are prepared to take care of him, but do not let whiskey near the camps to demoralize the whole force. This new law is being tested and is liable to be troublesome and expensive unless its conditions are complied with.

To earn a living and be a home maker should be the first object in the life of every boy who goes to the public school, and to this life purpose every possible aid should be given the boy by the public school system. The girl should be trained to be his helpmeet. All else is of secondary importance because our public schools should be designed to meet the needs of the great multitude of our people whose life work is of necessity devoted to the struggle of earning a living and establishing and maintaining a home in which children can be reared in an environment that will produce the highest and best type of citizenship. A few things thoroughly learned should be the motto of our public school system. Simplify the school course for all the earlier years up to fourteen or fifteen at least, after that specialize it to suit a chosen vocation. The most pitiful thing about our present school system is the waste of hours and years in school to secure a smattering of many

things instead of mastering a few things. Thousands of girls seek places as stenographers who can't spell, can't punctuate, and don't know the meaning of common english words. And yet they have studied algebra, geometry, chemistry, anatomy, which is very nice to know but of very little use to them. And this is an illustration of many that might be given.

The Union County Stock Growers Executive Committee held a meeting here last Friday night and transacted such business as came before it. This is something that every stockman in Union county should belong to, it is gotten up for the benefit of the stockmen of this county and in union there is strength. The initiation fee is only \$2.50 cents, in reach of every stock grower in this county, and the advantage of being a member of this organization is 100 per cent. If you do not fully understand the intent of the union send a card to Christian Otto, or Francisco Miera will bring you full information. The next meeting of the organization will be held in Clayton July 3rd, when a crowd of graded Bulls are expected to be on exhibition.

A country town is not the happiest place in which to reside because of its inflexible social traditions, its petty sayings and jealousies, its obstinate mistrust of all that is strange and its crude gossip about all it cannot comprehend. The picture of a self-complacent village, although vividly drawn, is not exaggerated. Every one who has had any experience knows that it is a relief to live in a large city with its wider liberty of thought and conduct. The movement from the country toward the city is in large degree a protest against the restrictive and narrowing conditions which prevail in the country. Men naturally seek a wider horizon and when the following of their inclinations is accompanied by indisputable advantages those inclinations are not likely to be resisted.—D. Van Dyke. In Denver Field and Farm.

Queer Doings in Justice Court.

In the early days of Oklahoma two horse thieves and an attorney E. B. Gathrie were given a preliminary hearing during a two days session of court, the former for stealing horses and the latter for criminal libel. All three were bound over, the former in the sum of \$500.00 each and the latter in the sum of \$200.00. The justice sported a long flowing beard of which he was very proud. Where upon E. B. Gathrie, who at that time owned a newspaper, published the following short, but expressive poem:

"I know a man with powers judicial,
Who hasn't enough sense to make an official,
When God made his head he made it so thin
That his brains turned to hair and grew out on his chin."

For this he was further prosecuted.—Ex.

Exposition in Full Swing

Lewis and Clark Exposition, June 1st. Nearly 40,000 people were present. The program was carried out without interruption from the parade in the morning to the firing of the Centennial salute and the formal opening of the Exposition. Never in the history of Portland was so representative and distinguished a body assembled, Vice President Charles Warren Fairbanks was present as the personal representative of President Roosevelt. Speaker Joseph G. Cannon of the house of representatives and an important party of the United States Senators and Members of the house of representatives

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